

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

ELLE NGUYEN, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

MERCER ISLAND BOYS BASKETBALL
BOOSTER CLUB, *et al.*,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 2:23-cv-00855-RSL

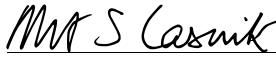
ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR
RECONSIDERATION

This matter comes before the Court on “Plaintiffs’ Motion for Reconsideration of Judge Robert S. Lasnik’s Order Granting MIBBBC Defendants’ Motion for Sanctions.” Dkt. # 67. Motions for reconsideration are disfavored in this district and generally require “a showing of manifest error in the prior ruling or a showing of new facts or legal authority which could not have been brought to [the Court’s] attention earlier with reasonable diligence.” LCR 7(h)(1). Having reviewed the docket, the underlying motion papers, and the motion for reconsideration, the Court that plaintiffs have failed to meet their burden.

1 On April 29, 2024, the Court granted the MIBBBC defendants' motion for
2 sanctions against plaintiffs' counsel under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11, finding that
3 counsel not only failed to analyze the elements of the various claims asserted in light of the
4 facts presented by her client, but refused to withdraw defective claims or correct the
5 deficiencies when they were brought to her attention. The failures forced the MIBBBC
6 defendants to file a motion to dismiss and subsequent motion for sanctions. The Court
7 found that Rule 11's goal of effective deterrence would be furthered by requiring payment
8 to the moving party of all of the reasonable attorney's fees and other expenses incurred in
9 these efforts.
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12 Attorney's fees were not, as counsel argues, awarded under the fee-shifting
13 provision of a civil rights statute. Nor does counsel's status as a sole practitioner or her
14 attempt to amend the complaint long after the Rule 11 violation had occurred and the safe
15 harbor period had elapsed preclude sanctions. Because plaintiffs have not shown manifest
16 error in the award of Rule 11 sanctions, the motion for reconsideration is DENIED.
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20 Dated this 14th day of May, 2024.

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22 Robert S. Lasnik
23 United States District Judge
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